

Wicks, 48, has worked at DelDOT for more than 26 years, and has been Secretary since February 2006. A University of Delaware graduate, Secretary Wicks began her career at DelDOT as an entry-level engineer in 1982. Since then, she has served in various roles as a public servant for three Transportation Secretaries, including as DelDOT's first woman Chief Engineer.

As Secretary, she manages a budget of almost \$1 billion and is responsible for 2,600 employees. DelDOT has responsibility for 90 percent of the state's roads and bridges and manages the state transit system (Delaware Transit Corporation) and the Division of Motor Vehicles. During her time as Secretary, DelDOT:

- Completed multiple road projects, including the Fifth Lane on I-95, the Blue Ball Properties Project, and Harrington Truck Route, Route 1 Expansion Project, Dover Signals Project, and the Delaware Highway Memorial Garden.
- Began construction of a new Indian River Inlet Bridge, the Route 1/Route 9 Interchange, South Governor's Avenue and Route 141.
- Initiated the Safe Routes to Schools Program, Statewide Bicycle Facility Master Plan, Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan, the Southern New Castle County Master Plan, the public sale of the limited edition Centennial Plate with proceeds going to the transportation fund, and other safety initiatives.
- Expanded transit service statewide, the Adopt-A-Highway program participation, public education safety campaigns, and Scenic & Historic Highways Program.
- Maintained a fiscally-constrained budget, excellent ratings from bond rating agencies, one of the nation's best bridge programs and a road system with 85 percent rated is fair to good.
- Increased collaboration and communication with local governments, state agencies, legislators, the public and other stakeholders, leading to new partnerships.
- Worked with the General Assembly and the Governor's Office for approval in 2007 of a variety of toll and motor vehicle fee increases. This increase allowed the Department to continue with the projects, programs and services that had been planned for years.
- Overall improved customer service at the DMV through a variety of new online services and other initiatives.

Also as Secretary, Wicks has taken a national leadership position as President of the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials (NASTO), where she has been at the table advocating for a federal stimulus package. She is a member of the American Association of State Highway Engineers (ASHE), **chairperson for Subcommittee on Geometric Design for American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO)**, and is on the executive board member for the Diamond State Port Authority.

She has earned many accolades for a distinguished career, including the University of Delaware's Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement and the University's Outstanding Alumnus Award, the Women's Transportation Seminar of Philadelphia Woman of the Year Award, and was one of several Delaware women featured as part of the Biggs Museum's women in leadership exhibition. In addition, she has received: DelDOT's Eugene E. Abbott Award for excellence in Transportation Planning; AASHTO's Alfred E. Johnson award for excellence in Engineering and Management; and, the Woman in History Award presented by the Business and Professional Women/Dover Chapter.

Wicks is a licensed engineer and has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Delaware. She lives in Townsend with her husband, Ken, and their daughter Anna.

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